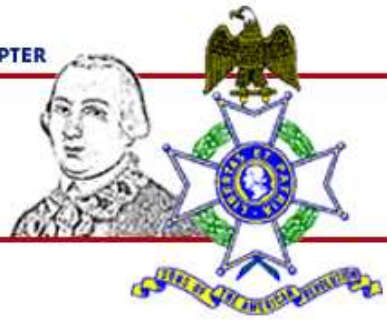




**SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION**



## **Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 October 2012 Meeting Minutes**

While we were a relatively small group (15) I think we accomplished much in actions taken and discussions concerning chapter business, a great speaker, and the Galvez Statue Project.

Here is a quick review of the Chapter Meeting Business:

- Approved a \$100 Chapter Donation to support the SAR archives at North Texas State at Denton.
- Re-Approved the \$200 New SAR Flag Purchase (we will need a lead person to make this happen) Pete?
- Approved a \$500 Annual Sponsorship of the GHF Dickens On the Strand - Pub / Advertising (5th year)
- Reviewed Chapter Finances - Balance is currently north of \$5K. Checks need to be written for the following:
  - 1.) \$100 to TXSAR - To support the SAR achieves
  - 2.) \$200 for New Flag Purchase
  - 3.) \$500 to GHF for Dickens on the Strand Sponsorship

4.) \$3000 to be transferred to the Galvez Statue account(\$2000 Chapter Donation / \$1000 Bill Hall Donation)

Note - with a total debit of \$3800 this leaves the Chapter account balance at less than \$2K. Gordon made the point that if we fall below \$1500 we will have to pay account / checking fees which we are currently not incurring.

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Speaker - Jim Mitchell- Presentation - 1st Sons of the American Revolution buried in the Old Galveston Cemetery

BDG Chapter Member and TXSAR Color Guard of the Year has uncovered historical information concerning Sons of the American Revolution who moved to Galveston and are buried in the Old Galveston Cemetery on Broadway. Seems we have 7 such Compatriots buried on the Island. (Maybe more). The information Jim presented made clear how the Bernardo de Galvez is unique to any other chapter in the State of Texas. Probably why the TXSAR was started in Galveston. Bill A. should reach out to Jim Mitchell as he may have some data on one of your ancestors. FYI - Jim gave my family some information which lead to the uncovering that one of my great uncles (Thomas Heard) was a founding member of the Texas Medical Association and because being a resident of Galveston is largely responsible for the rich medical history in Galveston.

It was suggested that our chapter do a color guard (musket salute) to these Compatriots at the grave sites once a year. Remember - no other TXSAR chapter has this unique history.

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## Galvez Statue Project

### Progress Report

Set up separate bank account (\$1100 Deposited)

Received a \$1000 (Pete) and \$200 (George Williamson) donation

Donations thus far:

Chapter        \$2000

Ron Whatley    \$1100

Bill Hall       \$1000

Pete Lenes     \$1000

George Williamson \$ 200

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\$5300

Note - Need \$2200 more to make 1st payment to artist to get him started on Phase 2

Also Note - These totals do not include George Mitchell's \$10,000 pledge (bringing total to \$15,300)

Web Site almost ready to go (I will Paul Noble provide an update next week)

Met with Parks and Recreation and got support to put Statue at Marnard Park (Barbara Sanderson)

Norman Pappous (City Councilmen) has agreed to Champion the project for City Council Approval

Artist Model of statue completed and super imposed at proposed location at Menard Park

#### Next Steps

Transfer \$3000 from chapter account to Galvez Statue account (Chapter and Bill Hall Donation)

Meet with Norman Pappous to get him to schedule us with City Council for approval

Raise the remaining \$2200 for Phase 1 payment

Pay artist \$7500 for model art and to move to Phase 2 (see attached for Statue Model)

Kick Off Fund-raising effort (Note - this has not yet begun and we have raised over \$15,000)